



CERCLIS actions in Chicago

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Dear FOIA officer:

Pursuant to United States of America's The Freedom of Information Act (552), I hereby request the following records:

Documents sufficient to show all CERCLA action sites in Cook County, IL, which were either 1., being investigated as potentially needing CERCLA cleanup, 2. identified as needing CERCLA cleanup, or 3. undergoing cleanup between Jan. 1, 2013 and Dec. 31, 2014.

Please do not export this data from your system into a PDF file. Instead, please export the data into one of the following digital file formats and email it to me at this address: .xls, .xlsx, .ods, .mdb, .accdb, .odb, .sql.

In addition to any other data fields natively kept in these databases in your system, I would like to make sure the following information/field is included for each entry or site:

- location in GPS coordinates of one spot inside (or at the border of) each site.
- size of the site, in whatever unit of area EPA keeps that data
- whether it's in stage 1 (being investigated), stage 2 (identified but not yet being worked on), or stage 3 (in cleanup).
- the date U.S. EPA initiated work on the site
- The date of U.S. EPA work completion, if an action site was resolved and evacuated during the date range. (If no date for this is included on an entry, and no note is made otherwise, I will assume for my story that investigation or cleanup work is ongoing.)
- An estimation of population that lives within a certain radius. I understand that estimates of population living within certain radii are included in every CERCLA assessment.
- Who, if anyone, referred the U.S. EPA to the site, or how the U.S. EPA came to know about the site.

Under the The Freedom of Information Act, the government is allowed to charge only the cost of copying materials. Please advise me of the estimated charges if they are to exceed \$25. In that case, please send me a detailed and itemized explanation of those charges and await my approval.

This is not a commercial request. I am a freelance journalist with many dozen published articles locally and nationally. (Please see brandonsmith.com/reporting-portfolio.) I also retain current membership in the Society of Environmental Journalists, Investigative Reporters and Editors, and the Chicago Headline Club.

In the interest of expediency, please contact me only via this e-mail address. Don't hesitate to contact me with any questions. If you anticipate fulfilling my request at a date later than 30 days from your receipt date, I ask that you provide me with an estimated date of fulfilment. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Brandon Smith

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